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Department of Pharmaceuticals

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Sub: Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Steering Committee of NIPERs of Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Hajipur, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Raebareli.

The 34th Meeting of the Steering Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Pharma) on 28th January, 2019 at 11 a.m. at NIPER Guwahati. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. The decisions taken by the Steering Committee on each of the Agenda items are as under:-

Agenda Item No	Subject	Decision
34.1	Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in 33 rd Meeting of Steering Committee.	
	Follow up action on constitution of Academic Council	The Department should immediately issue orders for setting up of Academic Council of all Directors for deciding the detailed procedure for PhD admissions etc. (Action: DoP/ All NIPERs)
	To start B Pharma courses in NIPERs from Academic Session 2019-20	The Department has already referred the matter to the Ministry of Law & Justice for amendment of the NIPER Act. Further action to start the courses may be taken by the respective NIPERs after requisite amendment in the Act. (Action: DoP/ All NIPERs)
	Creation of NIPER Knowledge Portal.	The Department should immediately forward the user id and password of the NIPER portal, which has been developed by NIPER Hyderabad and put up on trial basis on DoP website. The comments/ suggestions of the respective NIPERs be obtained to finalize the Knowledge Portal before its

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		formal launch. (Action: DoP/ All NIPERs)
	Creation of Corpus Endowment Fund in NIPERs.	The Department should expedite the matter and finalize the SOPs in consultation with IFD. (Action: DoP)
	Commencement of construction of sanctioned phase of NIPER Ahmedabad Project.	Department to examine the issue on file expeditiously. (Action: DoP/ NIPER Ahmedabad)
	Approval of Constitution of APDC, Hyderabad	Revised composition of APDC approved. (Action: NIPER Hyderabad)
	Guidelines for faculty staff and students to attend national and international conferences, workshops and seminars.	NIPER Hyderabad to obtain the comments/ suggestions of other NIPERs and submit the revised proposal to the Department for examination/ approval, in consultation with IFD. (Action: All NIPERs/DoP)
	All NIPERs to send their list of equipment purchased to Director, NIPER Raebareli, who has been nominated as Chairperson of the Common Purchase Committee.	Some apprehensions were raised that setting up of the Committee has slowed down the process of purchase of equipment. After discussions, it was decided that the first meeting of the Committee be convened at the earliest and the decision may be discussed and recommendations submitted to the next Steering Committee. (Action: All NIPERs/ DoP)
34.2	Follow up action subsequent to approval of Ministry of Finance for creation of academic and non-academic posts in six NIPERs.	The Department should issue orders conveying creation of the posts for each NIPER separately. The Recruitment Rules for the individual posts be framed/ finalized by the Department taking inputs from the concerned quarters. Approval to the finalized RRs to taken by circulation from the Steering Committee. (Action: DoP/ All NIPERs)
NIPER Guwahati		
34.3	Approval for constitution	Approved. (Action: NIPER Guwahati)

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	of Academic Planning and Development Council (APDC).	
34.4	Approval of one new Department (Medicinal Chemistry) with intake of 15 students with two faculty from the Academic Year 2019-20.	It was clarified that no budgetary support would be made available by the Government for such requests including for students' scholarship. Along with such proposals, the Institutes should provide the funds availability. Secondly, the Institute should get recommendation / approval of APDC on the proposal at first instance and then send the proposal to the Department for further consideration. (Action: NIPER Guwahati/ DoP)
34.5	Approval for four PhD seats – two new departments (Pharmaceutics and Pharma Analysis established in 2018) and one PhD seat for Pharmacy Practice (from the Academic Year 2019-20).	The Institute should work out the financial implications of the proposal as well the sources from which the same can be met. As the Department has meager budgetary allocations, no financial support for the purpose will be provided by Government. The proposal may be considered in case NIPER Guwahati can manage from its own resources. (Action: NIPER Guwahati/ DoP)
NIPER Hyderabad		
34.6	Approval to start PhD program in Pharmaceutical Technology /Process Chemistry (PTPC) and MBA Departments.	This, like 34.4 & 34.5 above is subject to no extra financial support from the Department. The Institute should show the availability of funds for this purpose. (Action: NIPER Hyderabad)
34.7	To increase the number of PhD seats for NIPER, Hyderabad from 16 to 20.	-do-
34.8	Approval of Annual Financial Statement for the year 2017-18	Approved. (Action: NIPER Hyderabad)

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34.9	Approval to hike the PhD examination fees by Rs. 6,000/.	It would be preferable that the hike proposed be not exorbitant and is implemented in phases. (Action: NIPER Hyderabad)
34.9a Table Agenda	Re-appropriation of MS seats - To reduce the intake of MS (Pharma) students in Department of Medicinal Chemistry from 30 to 20 and increase the intake into Departments of Pharmaceutical Analysis and Pharmaceutics by 5 each.	As there would be no additional financial outgo, the Institutes may rationalize the seats in different departments at their level within the overall approved number of seats. (Action: All NIPERs)
NIPER Raebareli		
34.10	Request for additional funds for purchase and installation of 350KVA transformer at new transit campus at Lucknow.	The proposal within the existing allocation approved. (Action: DoP/NIPER Raebareli)
NIPER Ahmedabad		
34.11	Release of additional Rs. 1.40 cr. under Recurring Head for meeting routine expenditures.	Not approved, as the Department has no additional funds to disburse. (Action: NIPER Ahmedabad)
34.12	Approval and sanction of Rs. 13.79 cr under Capital Head for procurement of equipments.	Not approved, as no additional funds to disburse. The request may be considered appropriately in case some additional funds are provided by the Ministry of Finance subsequently as per EFC approval. (Action: NIPER Ahmedabad/ DoP)
34.13	Approval of proposal for student accommodation building forwarded vide our letter NIPER-A/2018/DoP/428 dated 29.08.2018 in view of	The proposal was appreciated. However, it requires suitable revision so as to align it with the acceptable PPP model. (Action: NIPER Ahmedabad/DoP)


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	meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MOS (C&F) on 28.11.2018.	
34.14	Approval for two months termination notice to HSCL by PMC appointing authority under the provision of Para 23 of the MoU signed with NIPER Ahmedabad, in view of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS (C&F) on 28.11.2018 and inputs submitted by the Institute vide letter No. NIPER-A/Campus Project/2018/813 dated 27.12.2018.	The proposal be examined by the Department in consultation with IFD expeditiously. (Action: DoP/ NIPER Ahmedabad)
34.15	Approval of permanent position for faculty and staff as per sanctioned EFC.	As decided in Agenda Item 34.2.
NIPER Kolkata		
34.16	Proposal for introducing new discipline (Pharmaceutics)	As the Institute already has four operational specializations against EFC approval for three streams, the proposal is not approved at this stage. (Action: NIPER Kolkata)
34.17	Consideration and approval of additional fund of Rs. 135.00 lakh during the current Financial Year in addition to Rs. 150.00 lakh already allocated/sanctioned, but yet to be released.	Not approved, as the Department has no additional funds to disburse. Director, Hajipur indicated that the Institute would transfer the fellowship amount for the PhD fellows transferred from NIPER Hajipur to NIPER Kolkata. (Action: NIPER Kolkata/ Hajipur)
34.17 a Table	Revised composition of APDC of NIPER Kolkata.	Approved (Action: NIPER Kolkata)

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NIPER Hajipur		
34.18	Approval of joining of Dr. Gayathri Vishwanth Patil as Director, NIPER Hajipur with effect from 01.11.2018.	Approved. (Action: NIPER Hajipur)
34.19	Requirement of 10 outsourced / contractual staff.	Director may decide at her level as per NIPER Act & Rules. The Department would not be able to provide any additional funds for the purpose. (Action: NIPER Hajipur)
34.20	Fixation of salary and other admissible allowances and facilities to the newly joined Director.	Salary and allowances of the employees of NIPERs have been specified in NIPER Act/ Statute. This be adhered to. (Action: All NIPERs)
34.21	Revised budget estimates for release of 2 nd installment for the FY 2018-19 for Rs. 1574.35 lakhs.	Department may examine the proposal received, if any, and release the funds as per budget allocated to the Institute. (Action: DoP/ NIPER Hajipur)
34.21 a Table Agenda	To consider appointing Shri S D Sahay, Additional Solicitor General of India as Legal Standing Counsel for NIPER Hajipur	The Institute may send a proposal in this regard to the Department, which may be considered in consultation with the Ministry of Law & Justice. (Action: NIPER Hajipur/ DoP)
32.21b Table Agenda	To consider and approve the motto and logo of NIPER Hajipur	Directors of the Institutes may decide at their level. (Action: All NIPERs)

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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